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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : TALENT Support to Far East Theatre Commands

1. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) and the Utilization Advisory Board (UAB) have taken into account the increasing needs of theatre commands in the Far East for prompt receipt of information obtained by CHALICE overflights and in such form as to meet the tactical problems confronting them.

2. It is our view that we have reached a situation in which the information thus collected should be issued initially from URPIC-Y in a sanitized form the same as the OXY Reports now issued from URPIC-1 at ADANA (previously called URPIC Reports).

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3. If such recommendation were approved, it would mean that information without attribution to any source and stated in such a way as not to reveal source would be made available for use at CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, COMNAVFOR (Japan), COMTAIWAN-DEFCOM, USARPAC, PACAF, 5th Air Force, 13th Air Force, [redacted]

[redacted] and SAC as well as the intelligence community in Washington. Such information issued on a TOP SECRET

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[redacted] basis could be expected to find its way into current intelligence publications including OB, situation reports, and operational briefings of various sorts. When queries are made as to the source of any such information in these various reports or presentations, the answer will have to be as is today the case for OXY information: "No comment".

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5. CHICOM coverage is today classified in its raw form as TOP SECRET CHESSE. We do not recommend any change in that classification. However, because of the mounting tension in the Far East and the possibility that TALENT photography may be an invaluable source to assist field commanders in emergency, we also propose that the current policy for the sanitization of Middle Eastern photographic materials be made applicable to current [ ] photography.

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6. Recommendations:

a. That CHICOM ODE Reports be hereafter issued sanitized in accordance with paragraph 4 above as OXY Reports TOP SECRET

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b. That sanitization be approved for current CHICOM photography in conformance with paragraph 6 above.

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